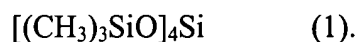


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A cosmetic, wherein the cosmetic comprising tetraquistrimethylsiloxysilane represented by the formula (1)



2. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein the cosmetic further comprises methyltrimethicone represented by the formula (2)



3. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the cosmetic further comprises a solvent which is volatile at 25°C and 1 atm.

4. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 3, wherein the volatile solvent is at least one selected from the group consisting of linear dimethylpolysiloxane having 4 or 5 silicon atoms, cyclic dimethylpolysiloxane having 4 to 6 silicon atoms, monohydric alcohols having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, and hydrocarbons having 10 to 16 carbon atoms.

5. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 4, wherein the volatile solvent is at least one selected from the group consisting of octamethyltrisiloxane, decamethyltetrasiloxane, octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane, decamethylcyclopentasiloxane, dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane, ethanol, isopropanol, propanol, isododecane, isodecane, isohexadecane, and isoparaffin.

6. (Currently amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the cosmetic further comprises an emulsifier and the cosmetic is a W/O type emulsion cosmetic.

7. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 6, wherein the emulsifier is at least one selected from the group consisting of polyether-modified organopolysiloxanes, alkyl/polyoxyalkylene-comodified silicones, fluorinated dimethiconols, perfluoroalkyl/polyoxyalkylene-comodified silicones, perfluoroalkoxy/polyoxyalkylene-comodified silicones, glyceryl-modified silicones, polyglyceryl-modified silicones, perfluoroalkyl/polyglyceryl-comodified silicones, and glycosyl-modified silicones.

8. (Currently amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the cosmetic further comprises a nonionic surfactant and the cosmetic is a cleansing agent.

9. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 8, wherein the nonionic surfactant is at least one selected from the group consisting of polyether-modified organopolysiloxanes, alkyl/polyoxyalkylene-comodified silicones, fluorinated dimethiconols, perfluoroalkyl/polyoxyalkylene-comodified silicones, perfluoroalkoxy/polyoxyalkylene-comodified silicones, glyceryl-modified silicones, polyglyceryl-modified silicones, perfluoroalkyl/polyglyceryl-comodified silicones, and glycosyl-modified silicones.

10. (Currently amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the cosmetic further comprises methylphenylpolysiloxane and the cosmetic is a cleaner.

11. (Currently amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the cosmetic further comprises a pigment.

12. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 11, wherein the cosmetic further comprises polybutene and the cosmetic is an oil-based cosmetic.

13. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 11, wherein the cosmetic further comprises water and at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of sorbitan fatty acid esters, polyglycerin fatty acid esters, sucrose fatty acid esters, and polysaccharide alkyl ethers and the cosmetic is a solid makeup cosmetic.

14. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 13, wherein the cosmetic further comprises at least one polyol selected from the group consisting of polyhydric alcohols and saccharides.

15. (Currently amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 14~~ claim 1, wherein the cosmetic further comprises a silicone resin, a silicone-modified organic thickener, a fluorine-modified silicone resin or a mixture of two or more of them.

16. (Currently amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1, wherein the cosmetic further comprises a UV-ray protective component.

17. (Original) A cosmetic, wherein the cosmetic comprising tetraquistrimethylsiloxysilane prepared by subjecting tetraalkoxysilane represented by the following formula (A) and hexamethyldisiloxane represented by the following formula (B),



, wherein R is a monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms,



to a reaction according to a method comprising the steps of

- (1) mixing 2 to 10 moles of hexamethyldisiloxane and 0.01 to 0.5 mole of an acid catalyst, per mole of tetraalkoxysilane, and adjusting a temperature to a temperature ranging from 0 °C to below 30 °C,
- (2) adding 1 mole of tetraalkoxysilane to the system obtained in the step (1),
- (3) adding 2.5 to 10.0 moles of water to the system obtained in the step (2) while keeping a temperature of from 0 °C to below 30 °C and subjecting to a reaction for 30 minutes to 5 hours, and
- (4) subjecting to a reaction for 30 minutes to 5 hours at a temperature of from 30 °C to 100 °C .

18. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 17, wherein the tetraalkoxysilane is at least one selected from the group consisting of tetramethoxysilane, tetraethoxysilane, and tetrapropoxysilane.

19. (Original) The cosmetic according claim 17 or 18, wherein a lower monohydric alcohol having 1 to 6 carbon atoms is also mixed in an amount of from 0.5 to 10 moles per mole of the tetraalkoxysilane in the step (1).

20. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 19, wherein the lower monohydric alcohol is at least one selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, and isopropanol.

21. (Currently amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 17 to 20~~ claim 17, wherein the acid catalyst is at least one selected from the group consisting of sulfuric acid, methane sulfonic acid and trifluoromethane sulfonic acid.

22. (Currently amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 21~~ claim 1, wherein an amount of 1,1,1,5,5,5-hexamethyl-3-trimethylsiloxy-3-hydroxytrisiloxane represented by the following formula (3)



is at most 1 mass% based on a total mass of the cosmetic.